various Ministries/Departments with reference to the identified posts in Group A, B, C & D is 6.65%, 5.43%, 6.50%, and 6.39%, respectively. According to the information provided by Department of Public Enterprises in January, 2002, the status of reservation in Central Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) for persons with disabilities against the identified posts in Group A, B, C & D is 2.78%, 8.54%, 5.04% and 6.75% respectively.

Demands made by Disabled Rights Group

1199. SHRIMATI SHABANA AZMI:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government recently reviewed the progress made on the demands of the Disabled Rights Group for improving infrastructure and social conditions to help the physically and mentally challenged and bring them into mainstream;

(b) if so, whether a review meeting was held in the month of August, 2002 to discuss the demands made by the Disabled Rights Group;

(c) if so, how many of its demands have been met; and

(d) to what extent the directive has been implemented to meet the demands of the disabled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A meeting was also held on 6-5-2002 with the representatives of Disabled Rights Groups in this regard.

(c) and (d) The demands cover a wide range of issues such as raising of limit of income tax exemption of disabled persons, no duties and taxes on aids & appliances meant for disabled persons, incentives to private sector to promote employment, shifting office of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities (CCD) to Delhi, all facilities/ concessions given to persons with orthopaedic, visual and hearing disabled to be extended to mentally challenged, one per cent reservation for people with mental and/or developmental disabilities in C&D category of jobs,

standardization of Indian Sign Language, revision of list of identified posts for persons with disabilities, abolishing Office of CCD and constituting a Disability Commission, passage of amendments to Persons with Disability Act, 1995, shifting 'Special Education' from Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment to Ministry of Human Resource Development and issue of an ordinance to ensure barrier free design and access features in all future construction.

The demands relating to legislative, financial and administrative aspects involving various Ministries/Departments of Government of India and the State Governments have been referred to them. The Government has approved the proposal to shift the office of Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities from NOIDA to Delhi. A reply to the representation has been sent to DRG.

Survey on benefits of Reservation Policy

†1200. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have carried out any survey to find out the percentage of people belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes of the country benefited from the Reservation Policy;

(b) if so, the date on which such survey was carried out; and

(c) the percentage of people belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes benefited from the reservation system as per the survey?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.